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SUBJ: POMPIDOU- BREZHNEV TALKS -- EMPHASIS ON EUROPEAN SECURITY

1. BREZHNEV ARRIVED IN PARIS AT APPROXIMATELY MIDNIGHT JUNE 25 -- TWO HOURS LATER THAN HIS SCHEDULED ETA -- AND WAS GREETED BY PREMIER MESSMER. ON JUNE 26, POMPIDOU AND BREZHNEV BEGAN THE DAY WITH OVER THREE HOUR TETE- A- TETE TALKS AT RAMBOUILLET CHATEAU. FOLLOWING WORKING LUNCHEON THEY WERE SCHEDULED TO HAVE ADDITIONAL SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS AFTER WHICH BREZHNEV WOULD KEEP HIS EVENING FREE FOR REST.

2. ATTENTION IN PARIS IS FOCUSED MAINLY ON QUESTIONS RELATING TO DEFENSE OF EUROPE. INFORMED FRENCH SOURCES INDICATE POMPIDOU WILL BE PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS TO PROBE SOVIET INTENTIONS ON
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MBFR, SALT AND JUST- CONCLUDED NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENTS WITH US. WELL- INFORMED PUNDIT GEORGES BROUSSINE WRITES OF FRENCH ANXIETY OVER US- SOVIET DECISION MAKING WITHIN SUPER-POWER " HOLY ALLIANCE", WHICH COULD DIRECTLY AFFECT FUTURE SECURITY OF EUROPEANS. BROUSSINE EXPECTS BREZHNEV TO REASSURE POMPIDOU -- AND THROUGH HIM, ALL WEST EUROPEANS -- THAT US- SOVIET ACCORDS DO NOT ENDANGER SECURITY INTERESTS OF " EUROPE."

3. LE MONDE' S SOVIETOLOGIST MICHEL TATU TAKES US GENTLY TO TASK FOR " ASTONISHING" PASSAGE IN US- SOVIET COMMUNIQUE, WHICH FRENCH INTERPRET AS WASHINGTON GREENLIGHT FOR HOLDING CSCE AT SUMMIT LEVEL. TATU EMPHASIZES FRENCH DISINCLINATION TO SUPPORT SUMMIT IDEA UNTIL RESULTS OF CSCE SECOND PHASE ARE IN. NONETHELESS, MOST MAJOR FRENCH JOURNALS JUNE 26 HEADLINED POSSIBILITY OF CSCE SUMMIT MEETING IN PARIS ABOUT DECEMBER.

4. ON BILATERALS, GEORGE ANDERSON IN COMBAT POINTS OUT COMMONLY ACCEPTED VIEW IN PARIS THAT " FRANCE CONTINUES TO BE THE PREFERRED AND PRIVILEGED PARTNER OF THE KREMLIN IN EUROPE." ELYSEE DEPUTY PRESS SPOKESMAN ROUGAGNOU TOLD PRESS AT MIDDAY JUNE 26 THAT BREZHNEV HIMSELF HAD UNDERSCORED MOSCOW' S APPRECIATION OF FRANCE' S " DETERMINING ROLE" IN WESTERN EUROPE. IN CRITICAL COMMENTARY, JUNE 26 L' HUMANITE PRAISES EARLIER INITIATIVES TOWARD MOSCOW BY DE GAULLE BUT COMPLAINS THAT POMPIDOU HAS " DECELERATED" FRENCH POLICIES OF DETENTE.

5. SCARCELY DETRACTING FROM BREZHNEV VISIT HAVE BEEN SMALL DEMONSTRATIONS BY " COMMITTEE FOR SUPPORT OF JEWS OF USSR" AIMED AT PRESSING BREZHNEV TO RELAX SOVIET CONTROLS OVER JEWISH EMIGRATIONS.
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